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Dear Mr. Shirley:

Indianapolis, IN 46204

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Pursuant to IC 4-22-2-28, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation ("IEDC") has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small business associated with rule changes contained in LSA Document 11-318 and proposed by the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration ("FSSA"). The proposed rule amends 405 IAC 1-1-2 to replace five years as the maximum amount of time a recipient can be placed on the restricted card program with an initial two year restriction period subject to biennial review and possible continuation of restricted benefits.

The economic impact statement prepared by the FSSA indicates that Medicaid hospital providers, pharmacies, and physicians would be affected by the proposed rule. Seven Medicaid certified hospitals and 400 pharmacies meet the definition of a small business, but the economic impact statement notes that, while some physicians would likely be classified as small businesses, the OMPP could not obtain an accurate estimate for physicians meeting the definition of a small business. The economic impact statement indicates that the proposed rule will impose no new administrative costs and will result in no negative fiscal impact on small businesses. The economic impact statement goes further, estimating that the proposed rule could result in a positive impact on small businesses by streamlining existing processes.

The IEDC does not object to the economic impact to small businesses associated with the proposed rule. If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 234-3997 or eshields@iedc.in.gov.

Regards,

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